GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ACUPUNCURE THERAPY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Acupuncture Therapy can cure even incurable diseases;

(b) if so, whether this therapy is successful for ear, eye and liver disorders;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to encourage physicians to take interest in this therapy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) Acupuncture is an important technique of Chinese traditional medicine and is considered to be beneficial in a number of diseases. The Chinese traditional medicine flowed out beyond her borders. WHO has published a document describing its usefulness in many ailments. To examine the merits of various systems of alternative medicines, including Acupuncture, a Standing Committee of Experts was constituted by Government under the Chairmanship of DG, ICMR to give its recommendations to the GovernmentThe Committee has since submitted its final report to the Government. The recommendations contained in the report are being examined.